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⁶⁰⁴Governor Of Maine Brings Sun

State of Maine officials provide lively entertainment today during their special day program at Place des Nations — while their visiting governor took credit for the weather.

“When it snows in Canada, you usually send it down to us the next day,” said Governor Kenneth Curtis this morning, “so, when it’s sunny in Maine, we try to do the same for you.”

Regardless of who garners the credit, gorgeous weather conditions and a show that resembled a U.S. collegiate football rally lured more than 700 visitors to Place des Nations on Expo’s State of Maine Day.

The short distance between Canada and Maine—“short between home and heart” — provided the theme during speeches.

“It would have been difficult to celebrate our centennial,” said Commissioner General Pierre Dupuy, “without the presence of our friends from Maine.”

He paid tribute to the energy of the state’s young people—who showed up in full force today—and said that “I envy all of them for living in this world of transition.”

Governor Curtis remarked that “many of our leading citizens are offsprings of Canadians.”

“We can never forget that more than half our border is surrounded by friendly Canadians,” he said.

The Place des Nations ceremony was climaxed by an elaborate and spirited parade from the plaza to the Maine pavilion on Ile Ste. Helene.

The cadets from the Maine Maritime Academy provided the entertainment preceding the ceremonies and headed the seven-hour show during the afternoon.

Seven other bands as well as various dance troupes were featured in the Place des Nations show.

Governor Curtis, accompanied by Mr. Dupuy, toured both the Maine and New York State pavilions.

He is slated to officiate at a banquet this evening in honor of his state’s official day.